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**The State Museum of Pennsylvania Presents Made In PA Exhibit
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Harrisburg, PA – The State Museum of Pennsylvania presents a new exhibit titled Made in PA from November 10, 2007 through May 18, 2008. This exhibit, located in the First Floor Gallery, features Pennsylvania-made objects from the collections of The State Museum ranging from the extraordinary to the everyday and spans almost 10,000 years of commonwealth history. People have been making things in Pennsylvania for approximately 16,000 years. Native Americans created tools, weapons and ceremonial objects from natural materials. After Pennsylvania was founded in 1681, artisans and industrialists made many products for which the commonwealth became known.

Pennsylvanian's have used their skills and the state's abundant natural resources to create an amazing variety of products. From the mid-1800s to mid-1900s, they used the state's plentiful forests, coal, oil, and iron ore to make the state second only to New York in industrial manufacturing.

Some of the items on display in the Made in PA exhibit include a copy of Poor Richard's Almanac for the Year 1745 printed and sold by Benjamin Franklin; a 1983 Volkswagen Rabbit, assembled in New Stanton; a Solon Philippe fly rod (c. 1870) with ivory fittings and mother-of-pearl reel made in Easton and a Star of Bethlehem Quilt (c. 1875-1900) made by Sally Albright of West Hanover Township, Dauphin County. The objects on exhibit are a small sample of the many products for which the commonwealth has been renowned.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, Harrisburg, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History® administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. General admission to the museum is FREE. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on other exhibitions, events and programs at The State Museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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